

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1748
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2002
PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION
VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways are all set to make a new beginning with private sector participation for building its infrastructure with a Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) scheme, along the lines of the national highways; and

(b) if so, the projects under consideration and the time frame of their completion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST
RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1748 BY DR. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2002 REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION.

(a) Yes Sir. However, the scheme being followed by railway is different from the one being followed by the NHAI as it provides for Build-Own-Transfer (BOT) arrangement instead of Build-Operate-Transfer as is the case with NHAI scheme. In railway's scheme, operations & maintenance of the asset will be by the railways due to integrated nature of the railway traffic.

(b) The following five projects have been taken up under new scheme i.e. BOT :-

(i) Track & Signalling works of Doubling of Utraitia-Chandrauli & Sultanpur - Bandhwa kalan (Northern Railway).

(ii) Track & Signalling works of Viramgam-Mehsana Gauge Conversion.

(iii) Amroha - Kankather doubling full work.

(iv) Talcher-Cuttack -Paradeep doubling -only 2nd bridge on Mahanadi.

(v) Bilaspur-Urkura 3rd line - Bhatapara to Silyari section.

Process of contract finalisation is in progress. It being a new scheme with many legal & tax issues likely to be raised by the interested parties during tender process, it would not be feasible to provide a specific completion schedule at this stage.